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informed Acting Assistant Surgeon Turpin that this town was infected eighteen years ago.

Respectfully, yours,

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Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *September 1, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the following information for the past week and the month of August.

For the week ended August 31 there were 16 cases and 14 deaths from yellow fever. For the month of August there were 108 cases and 57 deaths. During the past month I have issued certificates to 436 passengers to Havana and New York, and have inspected and issued bills of health to 34 vessels. I have found 9 cases of yellow fever in 5 vessels and removed the sick ashore and had the vessels fumigated to the best of my ability.

According to the reports of the fever that I can secure, the epidemic seems to have assumed a very malignant form, and the percentage of deaths is much higher than at any time of the epidemic. Whether this is due to the cases not being reported (all deaths are reported), or an increase in the virulence of the fever it is hard to determine. The weather continues dry and hot, the town stench is no better, and the general unsanitary condition remains unchanged.

My information from Cordova and Orizaba is secured from English and American passengers from there, and all reports are panicky. * * *

I often hear of the fever in the lower coast towns and all along up to Tampico, and an occasional case there; but as we have troubles of the same kind here it makes very little difference to us, quarantinably speaking, as the lower coast passengers and baggage have all to come through here to the United States and Cuban ports.

The harbor is free from fever, also vessels; but the dredge that I mentioned in a previous report as infected, has furnished one more case that proved fatal last Sunday. When approached about disinfecting, and fumigating the dredge, the reply was What is the use of fumigating the boat when the men are ashore every night? Well, I guess that they will have after a while either a dead or immune crew. Baggage disinfecting is progressing spasmodically under the direction of the local health authorities. A fee is charged for labeling the same as for fumigating. Passengers from the noninfected interior make many kicks about the payment of the fee, and seem to hold me personally responsible for their trouble and expense.

Respectfully, yours,

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RUSSIA.

Precautions against the plague in Russia.

SIR: There seems to be a general belief in this section of Europe that with the advent of the Paris Exposition the bubonic plague will be spread all over the continent of Europe, and may even reach the States of